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TO: Frederick County Planning Commission

FROM: Eric Soter, Director, Division of Community Development

THROUGH: Jim Gugel, Chief of Comprehensive Planning
Ronald T. Burns, Traffic Engineer

DATE: February 13, 2013

RE: Annual Transportation Priorities Review - 2013

ISSUE

Staff presents the Summary of **Annual Transportation Priorities Review (ATPR)** for 2013 to the Frederick County Planning Commission (FcPc) for review and recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC).

BACKGROUND

The summary of priorities from the County's Annual Transportation Priorities Review is used by the Maryland Department of Transportation in the preparation of the annual update to the State's Consolidated Transportation Program. The full report includes a summary of priorities for State primary highways, State secondary highways, County roads, local and regional transit, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and the Frederick Municipal Airport. The summary of recommended priorities to be submitted to the State does not include projects expected to be funded entirely through local funds such as those in local capital improvement programs. The Priorities Review also has been used to aid in the prioritization of the offering of any local contributions to State Highway Projects.

A few changes in this year's ATPR demonstrate how dynamic strategic transportation planning can be, as evidenced by the following proposed adjustments:

1. Advancement in priority of MD 75 (Green Valley Road): East of MD 355 to I-70, as a secondary highway project planning start recommendation, resulting from the increase in zoning density and development plans in that corridor;
2. Recognition of the substantial increase in commuter bus ridership between Frederick and Washington Counties and greater Washington, D.C. along with strong endorsement for improved headways and the use of I-270 shoulders by these buses;
3. Expanded public-private partnership projects with Frederick City, the State Highway Administration (SHA), developers and the County.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission review the Annual Transportation Priorities Report for 2013 and forward comments and recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners.

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Attachment: Annual Transportation Priorities Report for 2013

